

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method in a code division multiple access wireless communication device, comprising:
  - 5 establishing a connection with a first party; and
  - transmitting a flash with information message on a reverse link signaling channel, the flash with information message including a connection control information record that controls a connection status of the connected first party.
- 10 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the connection control information record comprises a multi-party connection control information record.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the connection status includes one of a party audio mute status, a party hold status, a party active status, and a party  
15 disconnect status.
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the connection control information record includes a connection reference field having a unique identifier assigned to the first party.  
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5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the flash with information message includes
  - a connection reference field having a unique value assigned to the first party, and
  - 25 a connection status field that indicates a desire to activate the connection status of the first party.
6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising establishing a connection with a second party while maintaining the connection with the first party.  
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7. The method according to claim 6, wherein transmitting the flash with information message further comprises transmitting the flash with information message on the reverse link signaling channel to place the second party on hold while activating a status of the first party.

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8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the flash with information message includes

a number of multi-party connection records field indicating the number of pairs of connection reference and connection status fields included in the flash with information message,

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a first connection reference field having a first unique value assigned to the first party,

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a first connection status field associated with the first connection reference field, the first connection status field indicating a desire to activate the connection status of the first party,

a second connection reference field having a second unique value assigned to the second party, and

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a second connection status field associated with the second connection reference field, the second connection status field indicating a desire to place the second party into a hold status.

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9. The method according to claim 6, wherein transmitting the flash with information message further comprises transmitting the flash with information message on a reverse link signaling channel to activate a status of the first party while maintaining an active status of the second party.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the reverse link signaling channel comprises a reverse dedicated signaling channel.

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11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the reverse dedicated signaling channel comprises a communication path that exists between a specific mobile station

and a base station for the exchange of control information from the specific mobile station to the base station.

- 5        12.        The method according to claim 1, wherein the flash with information message comprises at least one of a flash with information message and an extended flash with information message.

13. A method in a code division multiple access system, comprising:  
establishing a connection between a wireless communication device and a  
first party; and

5 transmitting a flash with information message on a forward link signaling  
channel, the flash with information message including a connection control information  
record that indicates the connection status of the first party.

14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the connection control  
information record includes a connection reference field having a unique value assigned  
10 to the first party and a connection status field indicating the connection status of the first  
party.

15. The method according to claim 13, wherein the connection status includes  
one of a party audio mute status, a party hold status, a party active status, and a party  
15 disconnect status.

16. The method according to claim 13, further comprising assigning the  
unique value assigned to the first party.

20 17. The method according to claim 13, further comprising:  
recognizing a request for a connection with a second party while  
continuing the connection between the wireless communication device and first party;  
and  
assigning a unique connection reference value to the second party.

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18. A wireless communication device for code division multiple access wireless communication, the wireless communication device comprising:
- a transceiver;
  - a controller coupled to the transceiver, the controller configured to
  - 5 establish a connection with a first party via the transceiver; and
  - a connection status control module including
    - a party identifier storage module configured to store a party
    - identifier associated with the first party; and
    - a flash with information message generation module configured to
    - 10 generate a flash with information message including a connection control information
    - record that controls a connection status of the connected first party,
    - wherein the controller is further configured to transmit flash with
    - information message on a reverse link signaling channel via the transceiver.
19. The wireless communication device according to claim 18, wherein the
- 15 connection control information record comprises a multi-party connection control information record.
20. The wireless communication device according to claim 18, wherein the
- 20 connection status includes one of a party audio mute status, a party hold status, a party active status, and a party disconnect status.
21. The wireless communication device according to claim 18, wherein the
- 25 connection control information record includes a connection reference field having a unique identifier assigned to the first party.
22. The wireless communication device according to claim 18, wherein the
- flash with information message includes
- a connection reference field having a unique value assigned to the first
  - 30 party, and

a connection status field that indicates a desire to activate the connection status of the first party.

23. The wireless communication device according to claim 18, wherein the controller is further configured to establish a connection with a second party via the transceiver while maintaining the connection with the first party.

24. The method according to claim 23, wherein transmitting the flash with information message further comprises transmitting the flash with information message on the reverse link signaling channel to place the second party on hold while activating a status of the first party.

25. The wireless communication device according to claim 24, wherein the flash with information message includes

a number of multi-party connection records field indicating the number of pairs of connection reference and connection status fields included in the flash with information message,

a first connection reference field having a first unique value assigned to the first party,

a first connection status field associated with the first connection reference field, the first connection status field indicating a desire to activate the connection status of the first party,

a second connection reference field having a second unique value assigned to the second party, and

a second connection status field associated with the second connection reference field, the second connection status field indicating a desire to place the second party into a hold status.

26. The wireless communication device according to claim 23, wherein the controller is further configured to transmit the flash with information message by

transmitting the flash with information message on a reverse link signaling channel to activate a status of the first party while maintaining an active status of the second party.

5           27.     The wireless communication device according to claim 18, wherein the reverse link signaling channel comprises a reverse dedicated signaling channel.

          28.     The wireless communication device according to claim 18, wherein the reverse dedicated signaling channel comprises a communication path that exists between a specific communication device and a base station for the exchange of control  
10       information from the specific communication device to the base station.

          29.     The wireless communication device according to claim 18, wherein the flash with information message comprises at least one of a flash with information message and an extended flash with information message.  
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30. An apparatus for code division multiple access communication, the apparatus comprising:

a controller configured to establish a connection between a wireless communication device and a first party; and

5 a network connection status control module coupled to the controller, the network connection status control module including

a party identifier storage, the party identifier storage including a unique value assigned to the first party, and

10 a flash with information generation module configured to generate a flash with information message for transmission on a forward link signaling channel, the flash with information message including a connection control information record that indicates the connection status of the first party.

15 31. The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the connection control information record includes a connection reference field including the unique value assigned to the first party and a connection status field indicating the connection status of the first party.

20 32. The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the connection status includes one of a party audio mute status, a party hold status, a party active status, and a party disconnect status.

25 33. The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the network connection status control module is further configured to assign the unique value assigned to the first party.

30 34. The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the controller is further configured to recognize a request for a connection with a second party while continuing the connection between the wireless communication device and first party; and



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wherein the network connection status control module is further configured to assign a unique connection reference value to the second party.

35. A method in a communication device, comprising:  
establishing a connection with another communication device;  
transmitting a flash with information message on a reverse traffic channel,  
the flash with information message including  
5 a record type field indicating a party connection control record  
type,  
a connection reference field that includes a identifier that identifies  
the another communication device, and  
a connection control information field that indicates a desired  
10 connection status of the another communication device; and  
displaying a connection status of the another communication device.
36. The method according to claim 35, further comprising:  
establishing a connection with a third communication device while  
15 maintaining a connection with the another communication device; and  
displaying the connection status of the third communication device.